

"Mr. Speaker, today is a sad day.

"In an effort to strip women of their right to choose, anti-choice groups have blocked access to life-saving cancer screenings.

"The nation's leading breast-cancer charity, Susan G. Komen, announced it will no longer partner with Planned Parenthood – the nation's leading women's health care provider.

"This fight has pitted two of our nation's premier and important women's health care groups wrongly against each other.

"We, on either side of the capitol and in these chambers, must remember that rhetoric has real-world consequences.

"For the health of women across America, this issue must be resolved quickly, and the collaborative relationship between these two great institutions, restored.

"Until then, lives are at stake, sadly, for political gain.

"Thank you, and I yield back."